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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, we shall have a half-hour debate on Tuesday (10th August)."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall consider the matter afterwards."

Creation of the posts of Deans in State Hospitals.

* 1144 Q.—SRI A. M. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the policy of the Government in creating the posts of Deans in State Hospitals and whether it is intended that they should be full-timed Administrative Officers only;

(*b*) whether it was a condition of the appointment of the Deans and Director of Medical Services that they should neither have private practice nor hospital ward work; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Government are contemplating to allow the Deans and Director of Medical Services to have ward work and if so, the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Posts of Deans have been created in hospitals with attached Medical Colleges for performing the administrative, executive and supervisory work in both the hospital and the attached Medical College and the Medical Officers appointed as Deans are full-time officers.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) One additional surgical unit and one additional medical unit have been created in the Government General Hospital, Madras, under the direct charge of the Surgical and the Medical Registrars in the hospital. The present Director of Medical Services, who is a specialist in surgery, and the present Dean of the hospital, who is a specialist in medicine, will utilize their expert knowledge and experience in advising and guiding the Registrars in the working of the new units without detriment to their legitimate administrative duties and they will not have ward work like other officers in charge of wards. By this arrangement the patients may be benefited by the expert knowledge of the Director of Medical Services and the Dean in their specialities and at the same time the latter can keep in touch with their profession."

DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" With reference to clause (*c*) of the answer, will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether the arrangement is a temporary one or whether it is going to be a permanent feature? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That has to be decided hereafter."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I would like to know whether the Deans who have been appointed now are Government servants who retired from the medical profession on superannuation and,

if so, why those who have been found not fit for continuing in service on account of superannuation are appointed again and put in charge of wards."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Deans are retired Government officers. They have got very high qualifications and mature experience and it was thought fit to employ them for this purpose. I have already mentioned the reasons why the Dean of the General Hospital has been permitted to do this extra duty."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Because the work of management of hospitals nowadays claims a considerable amount of time and also expert knowledge, will the Government consider the separation of the executive work and the professional work so far as the Deans are concerned? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no professional work which the Deans are doing."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member refers to administrative duties."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Dean is permitted only to give opinions and guidance to the Registrar who consults him regarding the cases in his ward."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMY :—" May I know the remuneration paid to the Deans? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Their scale of pay is Rs. 900—1,200."

Death of a prisoner while in the police lock-up in Vaniyambadi.

* 1145 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to starred question No. 412 answered on 26th March 1954—

(*a*) what exactly are the suspicious circumstances under which the prisoner met with his death;

(*b*) the age and physical condition of the prisoner when he went into the Police station;

(*c*) what the report of post-mortem examination disclosed; and

(*d*) if the Police were responsible for the death of the prisoner whether any action has been taken against the persons concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The prisoner who was suspected in a case of theft was brought to the Vaniyambadi Taluk Police station on 24th October 1953 and was put in the lock-up. Some time later he was found hanging by means of a dhoti, one end of which was secured to a nail protruding out of a wall and the other end round his neck. Police Constable No. 1833 who was in the station at